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WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Rep. Michael Arcuri (NY-24) announced today that he has successfully secured \$200,000 for the Seneca County Industrial Development Agency (IDA), which owns and is responsible for redeveloping the former Seneca Army Depot site.

"This funding will be instrumental in Seneca County IDA's efforts to redevelop the former Seneca Army Depot," **Arcuri said**, "I firmly believe this site has the potential to become a catalyst for real economic development in the region, and I will continue to work with the IDA and local officials to ensure its economic potential is realized."

"We are grateful for the Congressman's support for our base closure community," **Seneca County IDA President Bob Aronson said**.

"This funding will be used for much needed demolition which is a hot topic in base closure communities like ours. Congressman Arcuri's efforts to support Seneca County are greatly appreciated and I look forward to continuing our work together on this important project."

The former Depot, which occupies more than ten thousand acres in the Towns of Varick and Romulus, was used as a munitions storage and disposal facility by the United States Army from 1941 until it was formally shut down in September of 2000. In order to redevelop the site and attract new businesses, the Seneca County IDA must address the Depot's extensive array of warehouses and weapons storage igloos, many of which are structurally deficient and in need of removal.

The funds secured by Arcuri will be used to demolish two buildings that are currently hampering potential future development at the Depot airfield. These buildings are also adjacent to a parcel used by the State Police for training and pose safety concerns. This project will aid the redevelopment of the Depot and remove unsafe structures, creating approximately 10 construction jobs during the demolition.

The funding secured by Arcuri for the Seneca Army Depot is included in the Fiscal Year 2010 Omnibus Appropriations Act, which passed the House of Representatives yesterday by a vote of 221-202. The measure now goes to the Senate for approval.

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